

## Chapter 1.1.1 – General Definitions

### Article 1.1.1.1.

#### General Comments on the following definitions:

##### Compartment:

The United States believes that the concept of “compartment” can be a useful tool when applied to specific situations such as integrated commercial operations, zoological parks and other enterprises which do not have disease exposure during a disease occurrence, but which might happen to be in an infected zone. We continue to encourage the OIE to develop clear criteria on applying the concept of compartmentalization.

#### Current text as proposed in the July 2003 Report:

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means a person who, for the purposes of the *Terrestrial Code*, is authorised to carry out certain veterinary tasks (dependant upon the category of para-professional) in a country through a license from the veterinary statutory body, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a registered or licensed veterinarian. The veterinary tasks authorized for each category of para-professional should be defined by the statutory body depending on qualifications and training, and according to need.

#### Suggested text:

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**Rationale:** Many countries, including the United States, do not have official programs for “licensing” para-professionals; however, any work and tasks which they may do is under the direct supervision of licensed and accredited veterinarians.